

## Accomplishments

- BORN:** New York, New York, October 24, 1915 Son of Gerrish and Agnes (Gayley) Milliken
- STUDENT:** Groton School, 1927/1933  
Yale University, Bachelor of Arts Degree, 1933/1937
- WIFE:** The Late Justine Van Rensselaer Hooper
- CHILDREN:** Justine V.R. Milliken Russell, Nancy, Roger Jr., David Gayley, Weston Freeman
- RESIDENCE:** Spartanburg, South Carolina
- RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Episcopalian
- CHAIRMAN:** Milliken & Company 2006--
- CHAIRMAN / CEO:** Milliken & Company 1983 to 2005
- PAST PRESIDENT:** Milliken & Company 1947 / 1983
- DIRECTOR:** Milliken & Company – 1941--
- DIRECTOR:** South Carolina Manufacturing Alliance
- CHAIRMAN:**
- Institute of Textile Technology – 1944/1997; Emeritus 1997--
  - Greenville/Spartanburg Airport Commission – 1959 --
  - Crafted with Pride in the U.S.A. Council, Inc. – 1984 –
  - Noble Tree Foundation 2000 --
- MEMBER:**
- The Business Council, Washington, DC – 1966/2005
  - Palmetto Business Forum
  - Ludwig von Mises Institute's Entrepreneurs Council – 1995 --
- FORMER DIRECTOR:**
- American Textile Manufacturers Institute, Inc.
  - Arthur D. Little, Inc.>
  - Citicorp 1947 / 1987
  - Mercantile Stores Company, Inc. – 1939 / 1998
  - W. R. Grace & Co. 1953 / 1995
  - Westinghouse Electric Corporation 1962 / 1986
- DELEGATE TO:** Eight (8) Republican National Conventions from SC 1956/1984
- CLUBS:**
- Augusta National Golf Club, Augusta, Georgia
  - The Links, New York City
  - The Union League Club, New York City
  - The Carolina Country Club, Spartanburg, South Carolina
  - Garden Club of America, Member at Large
- TRUSTEE:**
- Wofford College
  - Spartanburg Day School
  - South Carolina Foundation of Independent Colleges
- ADVISORY BOARD:**
- Brookgreen Gardens – 1987--
  - Institute for Political Economy – 1985--
- PRESIDENT:** Foundation for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award - 11/19/92)

#### HONORARY DEGREES:

- Doctor of Textile Industry, Clemson University-1951
- Doctor of Laws, Wofford College-1967
- Doctor of Laws, Rose Hulman Institute of Technology-1978
- Doctor of Laws, Philadelphia College Textiles and Science-1980
- Doctor of Humane Letters, Converse College-1980
- Doctor of Laws, Brenau University-1985
- Doctor of Laws, The Citadel-1989
- Doctor of Business Administration, University of South Carolina at Spartanburg-1991
- Doctor of Laws, LaGrange College-1992
- Phi Beta Kappa, Wofford College-1996
- Doctor of Laws, Furman University-1998>
- Doctor of Humanities, Presbyterian College-2001
- Doctor of Sciences, North Carolina State University-2007

#### SPECIAL AWARDS:

- South Carolina Chamber of Commerce "**Businessman of the Year**" -1981
- Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce "**Neville Holcombe Distinguished Citizenship Award**" - 1985
- Among the first of seven Laureates elected to the **S. C. Business Hall of Fame**-1985 (co-sponsored by Junior Achievement and The State newspaper)
- Recipient of the **National Brotherhood Award** tendered by the National Conference of Christians and Jews -1985
- American Textile Manufacturers Institutes "**Samuel Slater Distinguished Service Award**" - 1986
- **Dedication** to Tom Peters book Thriving On Chaos - released October 19, 1987
- Northern Textile Association "**Silver Medal Award**" -1989
- Recipient of the first "**Citizen of the Carolinas Award**" by the Charlotte, N.C., Chamber of Commerce -December 3, 1990
- Recipient of the "**American Achievement Award**" by BrookgreenGardens April 6, 1991
- First recipient of **The Textile & Needle Trades Division of ASQC Quality** - 1991
- Honorary Member, **American Institute of Architects** -1992
- Inducted into the **South Carolina** Hall of Fame February 1, 1993
- Recipient of the "**Freedoms Foundation Pamplin Distinguished Award for Freedom Leadership**" – June 18, 1993
- Recipient of the "**Belgium Mercurius Prize**" by the Embassy of Belgium – October, 1993.
- Recipient of the **Catherine H. Sweeny Award** for 1993 by the American Horticultural Society - October 10, 1993.
- Recipient of the **Distinguished Service Award and Trusteeship** presented by the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges - April 17, 1994
- Recipient of the "**Order of the Palmetto**" by S.C. Governor Carroll Campbell - September 13, 1994.
- Recipient of the "**1996 Georgia Manufacturer of the Year**" by the Warren

Featherbone Foundation & *Georgians for Manufacturing* - April 17, 1996.

- >Recipient of the first Roger Milliken **Medal of Quality Award**, named in his honor by the South Carolina Quality Forum. Presented by Governor David Beasley – April 29, 1997
- Recipient of the “**1998 South Carolina Manufacturer of the Year**” for large manufacturers by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce – September 15, 1998
- Recipient of the **Charles A. Townes Award**, by the South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics Foundation – May 21, 1999
- Recipient of the **Lifetime Achievement Award**, by the Northern Textile Association – October 17, 1999
- Named “**Leader of the Century**” by Textile World Magazine – December 1999
- Inducted into the **National Business Hall of Fame**, sponsored by Junior Achievement – April 18, 2000
- Recipient of **The Garden Club of America's – Frances K. Hutchinson Medal** – May 16, 2000
- Recipient of **The 2001 Distinguished Service Award**, by the SpartanburgMethodist College – March 31, 2001
- Recipient of The Honorary Textile Leader of the Year, by N. C. State University Kappa Tau Beta Leadership Fraternity & Phi Psi Professional Textile Fraternity, May 3, 2001
- Inaugural inductee to The American Textile Hall of Fame, by The American Textile History Museum – September 10, 2001.
- Inaugural recipient of the Drummond Award for Statesmanship, by the Drummond Center for Statesmanship – February 25, 2003.
- Recipient of The Joseph M. Juran Medal, by The American Society for Quality – May 19, 2003
- Recipient of The Frederick Law Olmsted Award, by the National Arbor Day Foundation – May 1, 2004
- Roger Milliken Field named in 2004 in honor of service to Greenville/Spartanburg International Airport Commission as Chairman since its inception
- Recipient of The Buck Mickel Leadership Award, by the Greenville Chamber of Commerce – January 26, 2006
- Recipient of The 2006 SNA Environmental Leadership Award, by the Southern Nursery Association – August 10, 2006
- Honorary Member, American Society of Landscape Architects, October, 2006
- (One of only 111 individuals so named since its founding in 1899)
- Recipient of The American Manufacturing Policy Visionary Award, by American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition – April 15, 2008.
- Recipient of The Green Umbrella Award, by Furman University and Greening of Greenville – October 24, 2008.
- Recipient of Icon of Industry Award, by the Hospitality Industry Network (NEWH) – November 11, 2008.
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- \*BUSINESS WEEK, "How Roger Milliken Runs Textiles Premier Performer" - January 19, 1981
- PLAYING TO WIN by Fran Tarkenton - released 1984

**FEATURED IN:**

- A PASSION FOR EXCELLENCE by Tom Peters and Nancy Austin - released - May 1985
- \*WOMENSWEAR DAILY TECHNOLOGY - "Spreading the Bar Code Gospel" - September 1986
- \*TEXTILE WORLD, "Roger Milliken Speaks Out on Crafted with Pride" - January 1986<
- \*TEXTILE WORLD, "Roger Milliken, Textile World's Leader of the Year 1986" - September 1986
- \*BOBBIN MAGAZINE - "A View From the Top" - December 1986
- WOMENS WEAR DAILY/DAILY NEWS RECORD - RTO Retailing Technology and Operation
- "Quick Response Now The Fashion Express" - March 1988
- \*TEXTILE WORLD, "Roger Milliken, Textile World's Leader of the Year 1990" - December 1990
- \*TEXTILE LEADER, "Interview with a Textile Legend" By Eugene Dempsey; Vol. 10 – Spring 1992
- \*AMERICA'S TEXTILES INTERNATIONAL, "Milliken: Why GATT Won't Work" - November 1994
- \*TEXTILE WORLD, "Milliken & Company 1995 Model Mill of the Year" - June 1995
- \*ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD, "A Bias For Action" - September 1995
- \*TEXTILE WORLD, "Milliken's Industrial Heroes Do The Improbable" - September 1995
- \*ITS Textile Leader, "Global-Regional Blocs: Is WTO-GATT Good For You?" - October 1996
- \*SOUTHERN TEXTILE NEWS, "Earth Angels" Environmental Edition – July 27, 1998
- \*TEXTILE WORLD, "Roger Milliken: TW's Best of the Best" – December 1999
- \*TEXTILE INDUSTRIES, Milliken & Company – 2001 Innovation Award – June 2001
- FORTUNE Magazine, "100 Best Companies to Work For" – January 2004, '06, '07, '08
- ETHISPHERE Magazine, "World's Most Ethical Companies" – Spring 2007

**\*Denotes Cover Features**